



Public Schools of North Carolina

Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee

Implementation of SL 2011-273: The Founding Principles Act

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NCDPI recommendation 1

Rename current required course “Civics and Economics” to:

American History: The Founding Principles, Civics, and Economics



100% alignment to The Founding Principles Act



Founding Principles based on SL 2011-273:

- The Creator-endowed inalienable rights of the people
- Structure of government, separation of powers with checks and balances
- Frequent and free elections in a representative government
- Rule of law



- Equal justice under the law
- Private property rights
- Federalism
- Due process
- Individual rights as set forth in the Bill of Rights
- Individual Responsibility



NCDPI recommendation 2

- Local Boards of Education ensure that the intent of The Founding Principles Act is carried out through:
 - ongoing review of the curriculum content used in courses addressing The Founding Principles
 - professional development for teachers

